

**CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Dubuque City Council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. on June 8, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and mandates for social distancing, this meeting was conducted virtually and aired live on CityChannel Dubuque (Mediacom cable channels 8 and 117.2), streamed live on the city's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/media, and streamed live on the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofdubuque.

Present: Mayor Buol; Council Members Cavanagh, Jones, Resnick, Roussell, Shaw, Sprank; City Manager Van Milligen, City Attorney Brumwell

Mayor Buol read the call and stated this is a special session of the City Council called for the purpose of conducting a work session on the internal and community-facing response to COVID-19.

PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Buol's Emergency Declaration Proclamation Update: Mayor Buol provided an update to his Emergency Declaration Proclamation of June 1, 2020 highlighting information relative to the opening of Leisure Services facilities; rescinding and refunding special event permits already granted through July 6; and giving the City Manager the authority to review special event requests held on public property and rights-of-way through July 6, 2020 on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION ITEM

1. City Council Resolution on Racism: Mayor Buol presented and read the Dubuque City Council's joint Resolution on Racism. Motion by Resnick to receive and file the document and adopt Resolution No. 171-20 Dubuque City Council Resolution on Racism. City Council Members thanked Mayor Buol and provided individual statements regarding the need, significance and priority of the joint resolution. Seconded by Jones. Motion carried 7-0.

WORK SESSION

Internal and Community-Facing Response to COVID-19

1. COVID-19 Update: Assistant City Manager Cori Burbach facilitated updates on the internal and community-facing response to COVID-19 from City departments and network partners.

Community COVID-19 Update & Communication Response: Mary Rose Corrigan, Public Health Specialist, reported on information from the Dubuque County Incident Management Team and the Iowa Department of Public Health that included an overview of the number of positive cases and deaths related to COVID-19 for the state, by county

and by age group; community testing changes, testing providers and targeting testing; increases in the Testlowa state-wide testing capacity; and state-wide outbreak data in long-term care facilities.

Alexis Steger, Housing & Community Development Director, reported on the status and success of the non-congregate sheltering program that is preventing spreading of COVID-19 to larger census shelters adding that these sheltering needs will continue.

Mask of Wellness Campaign Update: Randy Gehl, Public Information Officer, reported that the Mask of Wellness is a positive empowering approach that promotes responsible behavior that is necessary to keep society open during this pandemic while benefiting the social, physical and economic areas of wellness. He added information on outreach efforts and the results of marketing the online program through social media and trusted sources. www.maskofwellness.com, and www.cityofdubuque.org/covid19.

Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque Update: Jenna Manders, Director of Strategic Relations, reported on the status of the Foundation's Disaster Recover Fund including donation commitments, applications and grants; focused funding for vulnerable populations; grant submissions to date; Food System services and data; impact on immigration systems; updated Resource Guide and brain health resources.

United Way of Dubuque Update: Danielle Peterson, President/CEO, reported on relief funding recipient data; partnerships; identifying needs such as childcare, food scarcity, and eviction and funeral issues; updates to and data from the 211 help line; legislative advocacy; and human resource network.

Greater Dubuque Development Corporation: Rick Dickinson, President/CEO, reported on the regional economy and workforce data and recovery projections; ranked impacted areas of food service/hospitality, retail, industry, health/social assistance, manufacturing, government/education; establishing the business help line 563-588-3350, public-private partnerships assistance; small business loan program, and the Safe-at-Work program; business retention expansion; and workforce recruitment www.accessdubuque.com.

Rental & Mortgage Assistance (Local & Iowa Finance Authority) programs: Alexis Steger, Housing & Community Development Director, reported on the eligibility criteria for the rental/mortgage assistance program for renters, mortgage holders and landlords, www.iowafinance.com. The program is retroactive to April 1, 2020.

Leisure Services Update: Marie Ware, Leisure Services, reported on the status of the recreational programs that will return in phases; online seasonal brochures coming; compliance with social distancing component; Miracle League Field opens in late July; Bunker Hill Golf Course is open with the clubhouse delivering food and beverage outside only; the Marina is open with the C-Store providing only outside service of priority items; Multicultural Family Center remodeling completed the first week of July with programming under review and special events cancelled; status of AmeriCorps grant applications and activities. Park Division seasonal staff is not hired; restrooms remain closed; a minimal

number of picnic tables will be placed; sanitation of playground equipment is under review; Comiskey Park redesign continues with a protracted schedule; the Five Flags Center remains closed with most events having been rescheduled and staff furloughed; Grand River Center remains closed with 2020 events postponed or rescheduled.

Fiscal Year 21 Budget Team Strategies: Jennifer Larson, Finance & Budget Manager; and Cori Burbach, Assistant City Manager, reported on the state of the City's 2020 and 2021 fiscal years and departmental strategies to review revenue; essential vs. non-essential services; guidance from four budget review teams; 10-20-30% budget reduction plan exceptions and criteria; review of revenue resources and projections; operating budget review and criteria; staffing review and criteria; capital and equipment review and criteria; purchase of services and contract review; and measuring the equity impact.

The presenters responded to questions from the City Council following groups of presentations.

There being no further business, Mayor Buol declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

/s/Kevin S. Firnstahl, CMC
City Clerk

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